

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1599.

Referrals: S. 437, to designate the "Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse" and S. 460, to designate the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse" were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1630–31, H1644–45, H1654–55, H1660, and H1668–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EPA'S PROPOSED PLANT PESTICIDE RULE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops and the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a joint hearing to Review the EPA's proposed Plant Pesticide Rule. Testimony was heard from James V. Aidala, Associate Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on Bureau of the Census and on Immigration and Naturalization Service. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Special Access Programs. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Corporation for National and Com-

munity Service; the National Mediation Board; the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; the U.S. Institute of Peace; the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission; and Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, President, Corporation for National and Community Service; Magdalena G. Jacobson, Chairwoman, National Mediation Board; C. Richard Barnes, Director Designee, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; Richard H. Solomon, President, U.S. Institute of Peace; and Mary Lu Jordan, Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Office of Science and Technology Policy, and on the Department of Defense-Civil, Cemeterial Expenses, Army. Testimony was heard from Neal Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense.

HEDGE FUNDS—BANK LENDING AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittees on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on bank lending and other transactions with hedge funds. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Reserve System: Laurence H. Meyer, member, Board of Governors; and William J. McDonough, President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and Michael J. Brosnan, Deputy Comptroller, Department of the Treasury.

AMERICA'S HEALTH: PROTECTING PATIENTS' ACCESS TO CARE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on America's Health: Protecting Patients' Access to Quality Care and Information. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—MEXICAN COUNTER NARCOTICS EFFORTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held an oversight hearing on Mexican Counter narcotics Efforts: Are We Getting Full Cooperation? Testimony was heard from Jeff Weitzman, Canine Enforcement Officer, Orlando Field Division, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Thereon Bowman, Chief of Police, Arlington, Texas; and public witnesses.

REGULATORY COSTS AND BENEFITS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "Should Agencies Be Allowed To Keep Americans In The Dark About Regulatory Costs and Benefits?" Testimony was heard from Representative Bliley; G. Edward DeSeve, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ANTHRAX VACCINE INOCULATION PROGRAM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations held an oversight hearing on the Anthrax Vaccine Inoculation Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, USA; Deputy Surgeon General Todd Fisher, USN; and Lt. Gen. Charles H. Roadman, II, USAF; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS NORTH KOREA—PENDING PERRY REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Towards North Korea and the Pending Perry Review. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S. Cuba-Relations: Where Are We and Where Are We Heading? Testimony was heard from Michael Ranneberger, Director, Office of Cuban Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act; H.R. 769, Madrid Protocol Implementation Act; H.R. 1189, to make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code; H.R. 1027, amended, Satellite Television Improvement Act; H.R. 46, Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 1999; and H.R. 441, Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999.

The Committee also approved proposed Immigration Subcommittee Rules of Procedure for private immigration bills and private claims bills and other pending Committee business.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 916, to

make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code; and H.R. 462, to clarify that government pension plans of the possessions of the United States shall be treated in the same manner as State pension plans for purposes of the limitation on the State income taxation of pension income.

The Subcommittee also began markup of H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999.

Will continue tomorrow.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the Congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009, providing three hours of general debate with two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Saxton and Representative Stark. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule considers the amendment printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report as adopted upon adoption of the resolution. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report to be offered only in the order specified, only by the Member designated, debatable for forty minutes each equally divided between the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments except that if an amendment in the nature of a substitute is adopted, it is not in order to consider further substitutes. The rule provides that upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, for a final period of general debate not to exceed ten minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the chairman of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House to achieve mathematical consistency pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Budget Act. Finally, the rule suspends the application of House Rule XXIII (relating to the establishment of the statutory limit on the public debt) with respect to the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich and Representatives Hunter, Dunn, Graham, Spratt, Minge, Clement, Mink, Defazio, Stenholm, John, Filner, Brown of Florida and Guterrez.

HOME PAGE TAX REPEAL ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on Home Page Tax Repeal Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Terry; Larry Rudolph, General Counsel, NSF; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET REQUEST—RESULTS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment held a hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget Authorization Request: Department of Energy—Results Act Implementation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General; John R. Sullivan, Director, Strategic Planning Budget and Program Evaluation, Office of Policy and International Affairs; and Gwendolyn Cowan, Director, Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Office of Management and Administration; and Susan D. Kladiva, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO.

RANGE MODERNIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Range Modernization, Part 1. Testimony was heard from Major Gen. Robert C. Hinson, USAF, Director, Operations, Air Force Space Command, U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense; Loren Shriver, Deputy Director, Launch and Payload Operations, Kennedy Space Center, NASA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—OIL POLLUTION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a joint oversight hearing on the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Testimony was heard from Adm. James M. Loy, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Elaine Davies, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, EPA; David Kennedy, Director, Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE—CHINESE ESPIONAGE ISSUES AT LABORATORIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Counterintelligence and Chinese Espionage Issues at Department of Energy Laboratories. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings**VETERANS PROGRAMS**

Joint Meeting: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Cecil Aultman, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; Richard M. Throckmorton, America Ex-Prisoners of War, Arvada, Colorado; George C. Duggins, Vietnam Veterans of America, Washington, D.C.; and Robert F. Norton, Retired Officers Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Federal Communications Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on the Wye Package and terrorist attacks of United States citizens in Israel, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold closed hearings to receive testimony on alleged Chinese espionage at Department of Energy laboratories, 2:15 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings on bankruptcy reform proposals focusing on financial services, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on challenges facing the Federal Housing Administration Single Family Insurance Fund, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings on proposed legislation dealing with modernizing air traffic control programs, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings on issues relating to grade crossing safety, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on satellite reform issues, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nomination of Robert Wayne